



"Jesus Dies" by Laura James

First Baptist Church  
Greensboro, North Carolina  
gathers for  
**The Worship of God**  
The Fifth Sunday in Lent, March 17, 2024

*"If we want to see Jesus, we have to be willing to look at the cross. Yes, Jesus was and is many things: teacher, healer, companion, and Lord, and it is important that we experience him in all of these ways. But the center, the heart of who he is, is revealed at the cross. The cross makes true sight possible."*  
-Debie Thomas

Steeple Bells 10:30 a.m.

Lighting the Christ Candle Ingrid Carlson

Opening the Bible Lucy Culbreth

Gathering Rev. Alan Sherouse

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Choral Intoit Sanctuary Choir, Children and Youth Choir, Handbells, Jerico Carrillo  
*flautist*

*"We Sing the Mighty Power of God"* Words by Isaac Watts; Arranged by Hal Hopson

*We sing the mighty power of God, That made the mountains rise.*

*That spread the flowing seas abroad, And built the lofty skies.*

*We sing the wisdom that ordained The sun to rule the day:*

*The moon shines full at God's command, And all the stars obey.*

*Sing we hallelujah. Praise the Lord!*

*We sing the goodness of the Lord, That filled the earth with food;*

*That formed the creatures with a word, And then pronounced them good.*

*Lord, how thy wonders are displayed, Where e'er we turn our eyes;*

*Is we survey the ground we tread, Or gaze upon the skies.*

*There's not a plant or flower below, But makes thy glories known;  
And clouds arise and tempests bow, By order from they Throne;  
While all that borrows life from Thee is ever in thy care,  
And everywhere that we can be, Thou God, are present there.  
Sing we hallelujah. Praise the Lord!*

†Call to Worship Emerson Culbreth and Emme Norman  
by Joanna Harader

Holy, Leading, Loving God,

**We seek a path through the raging sea.**

We thirst for water in the parched desert.

**We long for signs of life in the barren wilderness.**

We wait for resurrection in the face of death.

**Pour out your anointing on us here, on us now.**

Let us breathe in the Spirit's presence.

**Let us worship the One who gathers us in to send us out. Amen.**

†Hymn 34

*"Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart"* MARION

†Passing of the Peace

May the peace of Christ be with you.

**And also with you.**

Life of the Community Rev. Buck Cochran

Time for Children Rev. Amy Starr Russell

Children (first grade and younger) may attend Junior Church and will return to the sanctuary during the Hymn of Response.

Call to Prayer Rev. Chris Cherry

Worshippers are asked to move toward the cross  
in the center of the sanctuary as we sing together our Call to Prayer.

*"When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"* HAMBURG

Stanza 1

*When I survey the wondrous cross  
on which the Prince of glory died,  
my richest gain I count but loss,  
and pour contempt on all my pride.*

†Prayers of God's People

Stanza 2

*Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast,  
save in the death of Christ, my God;  
all the vain things that charm me most,  
I sacrifice them to his blood.*

Gospel Lesson Elgin Fuller

John 12:20-33

Sermon Rev. Sherouse

*The Way of the Cross: A Way of Seeing*

†Hymn of Response 568

*"Take My Life and Let It Be Consecrated"* HENDON

If you would like to become a member of this congregation,  
you are invited to speak to a pastor at this time.

Stewardship Prayer Graham Lyles *deacon*

Offertory Meditation Jerico Carrilo *flautist*, Matt Messick *pianist*

†Benediction Rev. Sherouse

†Postlude Matt Messick

# The Way of the Cross

LENT  
2024

"If any wish to come after me, let them deny themselves  
and take up their cross and follow me."

## Sundays

Bible Study (9:30 AM) & Worship (10:30 am)

## Wednesdays

Midweek meal (5:30 PM) and activities for children and youth (6pm), Lenten  
Vespers for adults (6:15 pm), featuring speakers from throughout our community

## Fifth Sunday in Lent, March 17

Children & Youth Sunday, including Egg Hunt and Spring Celebration post-  
worship

## Palm Sunday, March 24

Processional of Palms and post-service fellowship

## Maundy Thursday, March 28

Service at the Table with Communion and Remembrance (Meal starting at 6:00)

## Good Friday, March 29

Guided Meditation in the Sanctuary "Stations of the Cross," 11:00 AM -1:00 PM

## Easter Sunday, March 31



FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH GREENSBORO  
**CONNECTIONS**

March 17, 2024

### FBCKIDS & YOUTH SPRING CELEBRATION | Today after Worship

All FBC children, youth, and their families are invited to celebrate spring after worship today! We will enjoy a meal together in the fellowship hall followed by some games and, of course, our yearly egg hunt on the front lawn. And because spring break falls during Holy Week, we are providing each family with Holy Week-To-Go kits. Wherever you are this Holy Week we want this to be a meaningful time for your family. No sign-up required. Looking forward to being together after worship!

### JOINING SUNDAYS | Welcoming New Members Today & March 31

Are you interested in becoming a member of First Baptist Greensboro? While any Sunday is a great day to join, if you'd like to join the church as part of a larger group, you're invited to participate in one of two Joining Sundays, today, March 17 and Easter Sunday, March 31. Rows will be designated for new members, or you can meet Alan at the front of the sanctuary at the designated time. We would love to welcome you formally into the life and ministry of our growing congregation. For more information, contact Alan Sherouse (pastor@fbcgso.org).

### TRIVIA NIGHT 2024 | April 7 at 4 pm

Have you signed up for Trivia Night yet?! Join us night of fun, random facts, food, and fundraising. Every dollar collected will go towards the cost of our Youth Summer Mission Trip to Savannah, GA and to our week at Passport Camps. Sign up as a team with your team name, or sign up as an individual and we'll find you a team! Youth will be selling concessions and drinks, as well as offering childcare for our younger friends. \$10 per person or you can sign up A whole team at once for \$70. Max of 8 people per team. Sign-up today by scanning the QR code or go to: [fbcgso.org/trivia-night-2024](https://fbcgso.org/trivia-night-2024)



### MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE | Thursday, March 28 at 6 pm

We will gather in the Fellowship Hall at 6:00 pm for a Table Service that includes a meal from Mythos, celebration of communion, and a service of shadows leading us toward Good Friday. There will be childcare provided for 4 years and under. Sign-up by Monday, March 25 for the meal by scanning the QR code or go to: [fbcgso.org/maundy-thursday-2024](https://fbcgso.org/maundy-thursday-2024)



**GOOD FRIDAY | Stations of the Cross | Friday, March 29 from 11 am - 1 pm**  
 Durning Lent, we have been displaying in our Sanctuary the "Stations of the Cross" — a sacred art gallery from artist Laura James. On Good Friday, from 11:00-1:00 we will offer a time for contemplation and prayer with accompanying music. The musical reflections will be highlighted by violin selections performed by our own Rebekah Carlson from 12:00-12:30pm. Her musical offerings will center on a particularly relevant piece, "Passacaglia" by 17th century composer, Heinrich Biber. Written for unaccompanied violin, this piece is the finale of a series of sonatas inspired by the last days of Jesus life, many of which are depicted in the stations of the cross. We encourage you to make space for some reflection in the sanctuary on Good Friday. More at: [fbcgso.org/stations-of-the-cross](http://fbcgso.org/stations-of-the-cross)

**NCTCF VOLUNTEERS | Thursday, March 21**  
 The North Carolina Triad Choral Festival is a day-long intensive for middle and high school students. The culmination of their day is an incredible concert performance. All are welcome at 6:30 pm for the concert. NCTCF runs on volunteers! If you're available on Thursday, March 21 we need help with check-in, lunch set-up/serving, dinner set-up/serving and post concert clean up. If you would like to help but don't have time, we're also in need of donations of food for a lunch, dinner, and the post-concert reception. Email Baker Lawrimore ([baker@fbcgso.org](mailto:baker@fbcgso.org)) if you are able to volunteer!

**RAMP BUILD WITH COMMUNITY HOUSING SOLUTIONS | Saturday, March 23**  
 We are working with our Mission Partner, Community Housing Solutions for a ramp build project! If you are interested in this build, please contact Buck Cochran ([buck@fbcgso.org](mailto:buck@fbcgso.org)). Our FBCYouth will help finish up this project by staining the ramp on Monday, March 25. If you have a youth who would like to participate, please contact Chris Cherry ([chris@fbcgso.org](mailto:chris@fbcgso.org)).

**LENTEN MIDWEEK | Wednesdays in Lent starting at 5:30 pm**  
 Join us this Wednesday for our last Lenten Midweek. Midweek meal begins at 5:30pm. Activities for children and youth begin at 6 pm. Lenten Vespers for adults, starts at 6:15 pm in the Chapel. Reserve Midweek Meal each week by end of day Monday or making a standing reservation by emailing [keighley@fbcgso.org](mailto:keighley@fbcgso.org). This week we are having BBQ! Scan the QR code or go to [fbcgso.org/lenten-midweek-2024](http://fbcgso.org/lenten-midweek-2024).



PASTORAL STAFF	
<b>CHRIS CHERRY</b> , YOUTH & FAMILIES	<b>ALAN SHEROUSE</b> , SENIOR PASTOR
<b>BUCK COCHRAN</b> , MISSIONS & COMMUNITY	<b>AMY STARR RUSSELL</b> , CHILDREN & FAMILIES
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## LOOKING AHEAD

March	April
17   FBCKids & Youth Spring Celebration Following Worship INSPIRO: Triad Youth Choir   2:30 pm Youth Group   4 pm Handbell Rehearsal   5 pm	1   Office Closed 3   Midweek   5:30 pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal   7:15 pm 5   Merge (4th & 5th Graders) 7   Missions Breakfast   9:30 am Trivia Night   4 pm 10   Midweek   5:30 pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal   7:15 pm 12   Habitat Playhouse Build 14   INSPIRO: Triad Youth Choir   2:30 pm Youth Group   4 pm Handbell Rehearsal   5 pm
21   NCTCF Concert   6:30 pm	
22&23   Ramp Build with Community Housing Solutions	
24   Palm Sunday	
28   Maundy Thursday Service   6 pm	
29   Good Friday Guided Meditation in the Sanctuary "Stations of the Cross," 11:00 AM -1:00 PM	
31   Easter Sunday	

### Easter Cross Flowers Memorial and Honorariums



Submissions through Wednesday, March 20

Make a donation towards the purchase of flowers for the Easter cross in honor or in memory of a loved one. Simply fill out the form below, tear it off and give it to Keighley. \$10 per name, cash or check preferred.

In Memory Of \_\_\_\_\_ by \_\_\_\_\_

In Memory Of \_\_\_\_\_ by \_\_\_\_\_

In Honor Of \_\_\_\_\_ by \_\_\_\_\_

In Honor Of \_\_\_\_\_ by \_\_\_\_\_